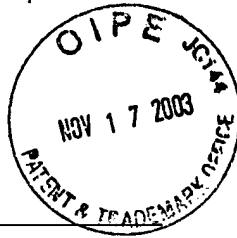


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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated September 16, 2003 stating that Figure 29 appears to have been omitted from the application. Applicants respectfully point out that the return postcard stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Mail Room (copy attached as Exhibit A), as well as the official filing receipt (copy attached as Exhibit B) evidence receipt of twenty-five (25) sheets of drawings. Applicants respectfully state that Figure 29 appears on Sheet 22 along with Figures 27 and 28. If Figures 27-28 were received, then Figure 29 must have been received since Figures 27-29 are on the


same page. A copy of sheet 22 with Figures 27-29 is attached as Exhibit C. Applicants believe the Office of Initial Patent Examination has simply overlooked this Figure on Sheet 22.

Applicants are concurrently submitting formal drawings to replace the informal drawings of record. These drawings also include Figure 29 on Sheet 22 (on the same Sheet with Figures 27 and 28), exactly as they were presented on the informal drawings filed with the application.

In view of the fact that Figure 29 was not omitted, Applicants respectfully request that the petition fee be refunded if it is charged. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to telephone the attorney of record if any further issues remain (415.576.0200).

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